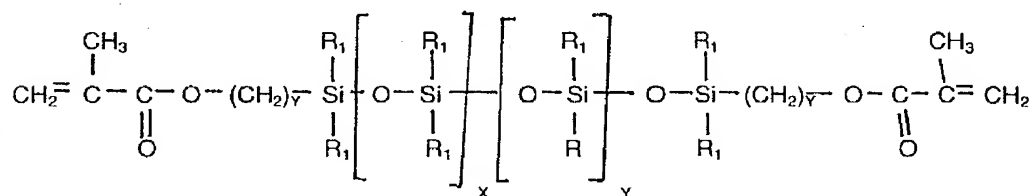


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 1-9 and 11-20 without prejudice before calculation of fees. Also, please amend the following claims as indicated below wherein language to be added is identified by underlining and language to be deleted is identified by ~~strikethrough~~.

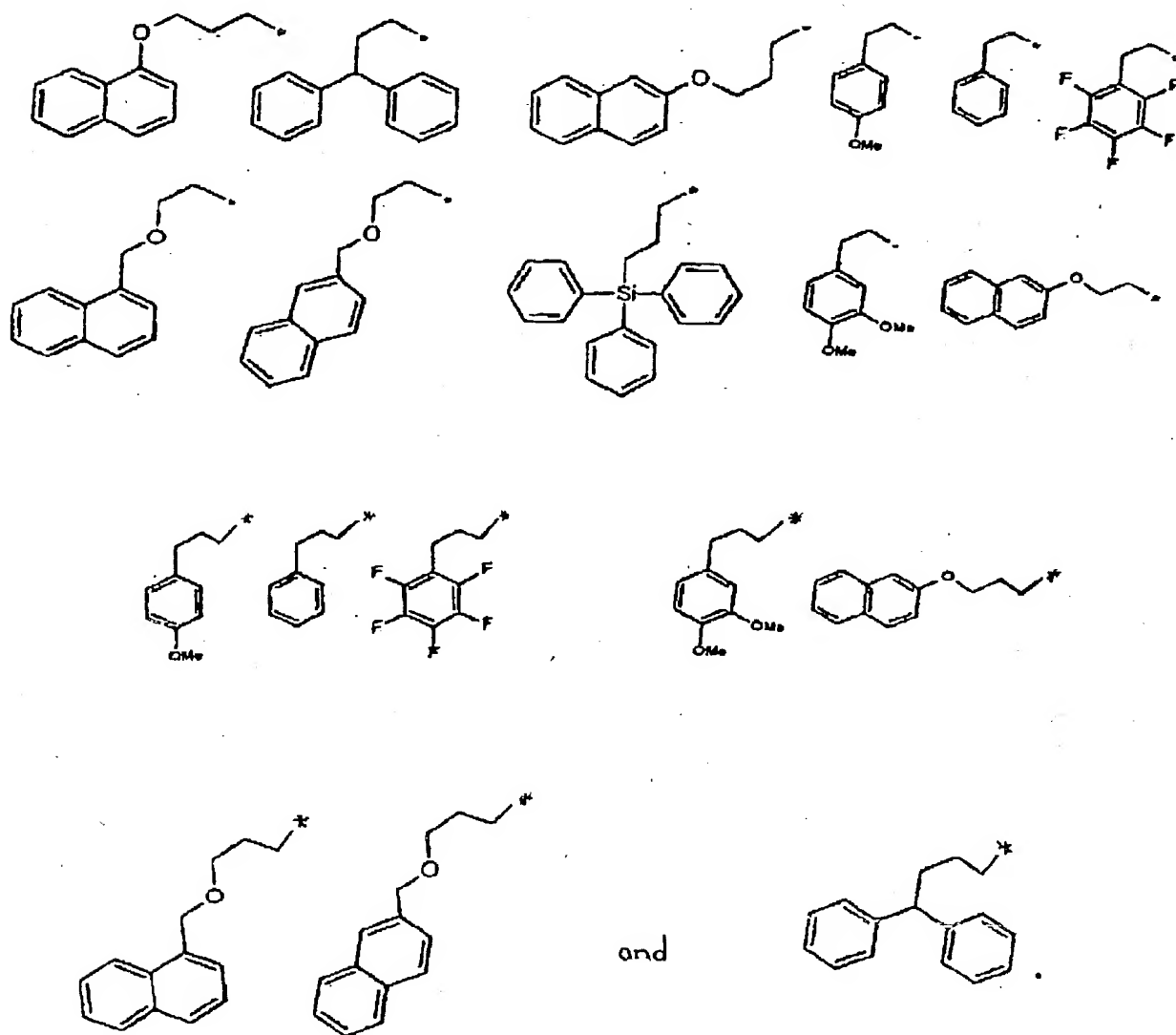
Claim 1 (Withdrawn): Aromatic-based siloxane macromonomers comprising:



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents; R_1 is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y is a natural number.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn): The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may be the same or different C_{6-30} aromatic-based substituents.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents selected from the group consisting of



Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R_1 groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents or alkyl substituents.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R_1 groups may be the same or different C_{6-30} aromatic-based substituents or C_{1-4} alkyl substituents.

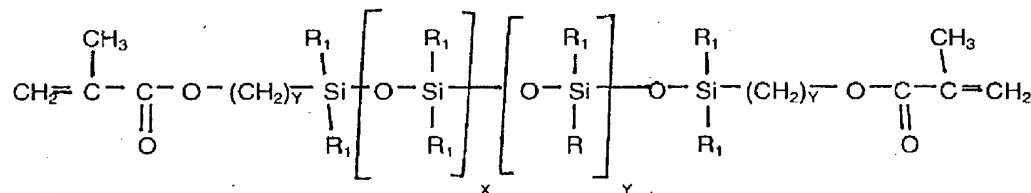
Claim 6 (Withdrawn): A polymeric composition produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers of claim 1.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A polymeric composition produced through the copolymerization of one or more macromonomers of claim 1 with one or more non-siloxy aromatic-based monomers.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A polymeric composition produced through the copolymerization of one or more macromonomers of claim 1 with one or more non-aromatic-based hydrophobic monomers.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A polymeric composition produced through the copolymerization of one or more macromonomers of claim 1 with one or more non-aromatic-based hydrophilic monomers.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method of producing the aromatic-based siloxane macromonomers of claim 1



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;

R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y

is a natural number, comprising:

polymerizing a hydride functionalized cyclic siloxane with a methacrylate-capped disiloxane to form a hydride containing siloxane; and
hydrosilyzing with a catalyst and an allylic functionalized aromatic, said hydride containing siloxane.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The polymeric compositions of claim 7 wherein said one or more non-siloxy aromatic-based monomers are selected from the group consisting of 2-phenyloxyethyl methacrylate, 3,3-diphenylpropyl methacrylate, 2-(1-naphthylethyl methacrylate) and 2-(2-naphthylethyl methacrylate).

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The polymeric compositions of claim 8 wherein said one or more non-aromatic-based hydrophobic monomers are selected from the group consisting of 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate, 3-methacryloyloxypropyl-diphenylmethylsilane and 2-phenyloxyethyl methacrylate.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The polymeric compositions of claim 9 wherein said one or more non-aromatic-based hydrophilic monomers are selected from the group consisting of N,N-dimethylacrylamide and methyl methacrylate.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 comprising:

- casting one or more polymeric compositions in the form of a rod;
- lathing or machining said rod into disks; and
- lathing or machining said disks into ophthalmic devices.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 comprising:
pouring one or more polymeric compositions into a mold prior to curing;
curing said one or more polymeric compositions; and
removing said one or more polymeric compositions from said mold following curing thereof.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A method of using the ophthalmic device of claim 14 or 15 comprising:
making an incision in the cornea of an eye; and
implanting said ophthalmic device within the eye.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 14, 15 or 16 wherein said ophthalmic device is an intraocular lens or corneal inlay.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 14 or 15 wherein said ophthalmic device is a contact lens.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The polymeric composition of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 wherein one or more strengthening agents are added prior to polymerization or copolymerization selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl acrylates and methacrylates.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The polymeric composition of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 wherein one or more crosslinking agents are added prior to polymerization or copolymerization selected from the group consisting of diacrylates and dimethacrylates of triethylene glycol, butyl glycol, hexane-1,6-diol, thio-diethylene glycol, ethylene glycol and neopentyl glycol, N,N'-dihydroxyethylene bisacrylamide, diallyl phthalate, triallyl cyanurate, divinylbenzene, ethylene glycol divinyl ether, N,N'-methylene-bis-(meth)acrylamide, sulfonated divinylbenzene and divinylsulfone.